

[2nd March 1925]

APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to question No. 237 asked by Rai Bahadur T. M. Narasimhachariu at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 2nd March 1925, page 535 supra.]

Memorandum.

Abolition of the Rayachoti division.—The Rayachoti division at present comprises the Pulivendla and Rayachoti taluks. Direct communication between Rayachoti and Pulivendla is difficult and the more convenient route lies through Cuddapah. The present Cuddapah division is small, having only one taluk, and the work in it need not occupy an officer's full time. The Cuddapah and Rayachoti taluks will form a more convenient division than the present Rayachoti division. It is therefore proposed to add the Rayachoti taluk to the Cuddapah division and the Pulivendla taluk to the Jammalamadugu division from which it is proposed to remove the present Kamalapuram taluk, restoring the Jammalamadugu division to its original constitution.

2. *Abolition of the Kamalapuram taluk and its conversion into a Deputy Tahsildar's division.*—Kamalapuram taluk was newly formed by adding some villages of the Proddatur taluk to the old Kamalapuram Deputy Tahsildar's division. It is now proposed to reconvert it into a Deputy Tahsildar's division and to attach it to the Cuddapah taluk. As communications are easy, Cuddapah taluk as enlarged by the addition of the proposed Kamalapuram Deputy Tahsildar's division will not be a heavy charge.

3. *Abolition of the Sidhout taluk.*—The Sidhout taluk is a very hilly and sparsely populated tract with a population of about 60,000 and revenue of Rs. 90,000. There is no direct communication between Sidhout town, the headquarters of the taluk, and the Obalam valley which contains about a fourth of the villages in the taluk. The easiest access to this valley is from Badvel town. The distance between Badvel and Sidhout is only 21 miles of good road. Though the area of these two taluks is extensive, a good deal of it is reserved forest where the Tahsildar need seldom go. It is quite unnecessary to duplicate the Treasury, Abkari and Special fund establishments for this area while a Deputy Tahsildar will give the Tahsildar all the relief necessary in respect of his other work such as azmoish and inspections. It is therefore proposed to abolish the Sidhout taluk and convert it into a Deputy Tahsildar's division to be attached to the Badvel taluk.

4. *Abolition of the Deputy Tahsildar's division of Cuddapah and Lakkireddipalle.*—It is proposed to abolish these two offices and locate them at Kamalapuram and Sidhout.

5. There is no work under the Estates Land Act in the district nor any on behalf of local boards except in Rajampet. Criminal work in all the courts is light and revenue work is not heavy. The proposals are workable and their adoption will result in a saving of about Rs. 39,000 a year.